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MAGNIFICATION OF SCANNED IMAGE

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed information (and supporting document) is being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.97(b), before the mailing date of the first Office Action on the merits.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

A further Japanese Patent Office action, dated April 22, 2003, has been received in the counterpart Japanese application. That office action cites no new references beyond those cited to the U.S. PTO in an Information Disclosure Statement dated September 13, 2002.

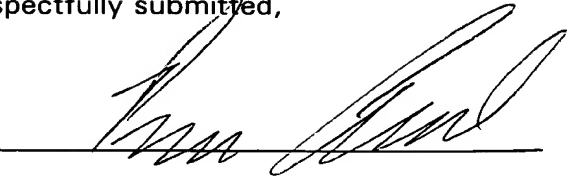
For sake of completeness, enclosed is a copy of the April 22, 2003 Japanese language Office Action and an English translation that has been obtained. Applicant requests that the PTO consider the information in the JPO office action. In this regard, the characterizations of the Japanese Patent office are strictly those of the JPO. The disclosure of these characterizations should not be construed as an admission of or agreement to the opinions expressed in the Japanese Office Action.

Applicant respectfully requests that the information in the document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP § 609, or that at least the next office action acknowledge receipt and consideration of the information in the listed document.

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